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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 2388

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UNGA
SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 33RD UNGA - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

REF: ABU DHABI 2334

1. UAE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS TOLD ME HE DEFINITELY WILL HEAD UAE DELEGATION TO 33RD SESSION OF UNGA ARRIVING IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 26TH AND REMAINING THROUGH THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. I INDICATED TO SUWAIDI THAT I HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR ATHERTON AND/OR NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS DURING UNGA. SUWAIDI SAID HE WOULD WELCOME THAT. HE ALSO HOPED IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH SECRETARY VANCE.

2. I AM WELL AWARE OF THE DEMANDS OF THE SECRETARY'S TIME AND THAT UAE VOICE NOT A DOMINANT ONE IN ARAB COUNSELS ION MIDDLE EAST ISSUE. ALSO SITUATION IN UAE PRESENTS US WITH NO PRESSING PROBLEMS. ON THE OTHER HAND UAE STILL PROVIDES ABOUT SIX PERCENT OF US OIL IMPORTS,

IT REMAINS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING AID DONORS, IT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN A UNIT WITH THE ARAB DEFENSE FORCE IN LEBANON, IT HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF FRONTLINE ARAB GOVERNMENTS THAT FAVOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BASED ON UN RESOLUTION 242, AND ABU DHABI WILL BE THE SITE FOR TH NEXT OPEC CONFERENCE
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IN DECEMBER. SUWAIDI HAS NEVER HAD A UNGA BILATERAL WITH AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1972 WITH SECRETARY ROGERS, AND GESTURE OF SECRETARY VANCE'S WILLINGNESS TO HAVE A BREIF BILATERAL WITH SUWAIDI WOULD BE VERY WELCOME HERE. AFTER UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID, SUWAIDI REMAINS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL POLICY MAKER IN THE UAE. BILATERAL WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SECRETARY TO:

--A. EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR MODERATING ROLE UAE HAS
AND HOPEFULLY WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY IN ARAB AND OPEC FORA, AS
WELL AS FOR ITS SUBSTANTIAL FOREIGN AID TO EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN.
--B. CONVEY ANY MAJOR CONCLUSIONS DRAWN FROM CAMP DAVID
SUMMIT AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTH
YEMEN AND HORN OF AFRICA, AND
--C. REAFFIRM US INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR UAE'S UNIQUE, IN THE
ARAB WORLD, EXPERIEMTN IN FEDERATION. DICKMAN.

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